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None

The relevance of the U.S. Patent No. 5,450,478 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The relevance of the European reference 0 252 266 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 1. The remaining references were cited in a European Standard Search Report with respect to the European application from which priority is claimed.

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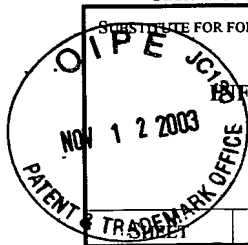
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